

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action of January 13, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and this response addresses the Examiner's concerns stated in the Office Action. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

### **I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 18-22 are canceled herein. Claims 15-16 and 30 were previously canceled.

Various of the claims are amended herein. New claim 36 is added. Support for the claim amendments and new claim is found, for example, on page 14, line 23, through page 15, line 14, of the specification. No new matter is added.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-14, 17, 23-29 and 31-36 are currently pending.

### **II. PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TMIE**

A Petition for a one-month extension and an extension fee of \$120 for a large entity is attached hereto. Applicants note that the response to this Office Action is being timely filed on May 13, 2005.

### **III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-3, 7-14, 17-21, 23, 24, 28, 29 AND 31-35 UNDER 35 USC § 102(e) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY TENTIJ**

In the present invention as recited, for example, in claim 34 as amended herein, a system comprises

(a) a plurality of distributed gateways each operable to manage one or more network elements;

(b) a central information base storing user-defined behavior objects. each behavior object having a relationship attribute identifying a distributed gateway of the plurality of distributed gateways to execute the respective behavior object, and each behavior object defining management behavior for managing the distributed gateway identified by the relationship attribute of the respective behavior object; and

(c) a central management processor which, in accordance with the relationship attribute of a respective behavior object, communicates the respective behavior object

stored in the information base to the distributed gateway identified by the relationship attribute of the respective behavior object, without the distributed gateway actively searching for the respective behavior object, so that the communicated behavior object is stored locally in, and then executed by, the distributed gateway.

Please note that claim 34 is amended to clarify these features. Support for the amendments is found, for example, on page 14, line 23, through page 15, line 14, of the specification. Somewhat similar amendments are made to various other claims.

In Tentij, a gateway *actively searches* for an object in response to an incoming alarm incident received by the gateway. See, for example, the Abstract; column 5, lines 62-66; column 7, lines 24-56; column 8, lines 16-40, of Tentij.

Please note that claim 34 is amended to specifically recite that, in accordance with the relationship attribute of a respective behavior object, the central management processor communicates the respective behavior object to the distributed gateway identified by the relationship attribute of the respective behavior object, *without the distributed gateway actively searching for the respective behavior object*.

The above arguments are specifically directed to claim 34. However, it is respectfully submitted that the arguments would be helpful in understanding various differences of various claims over Tentij.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

#### IV. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 4-6, 22 AND 25-27 UNDER 35 USC § 103 AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER TENTIJ IN VIEW OF KEKIC

The comments in Section III, for distinguishing over Tentij, also apply here, where appropriate.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

#### ***Conclusion***

In view of the absence from any cited reference of Applicants' claimed invention as set forth above, Applicant respectfully urges that Tentij and Kekic, separately or in combination, are not sufficient to render the presently claimed invention anticipated or obvious under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) or 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Independent claims 1, 14, 29, and 34 are believed to be in condition for allowance. All dependent claims are believed to depend upon allowable independent claims, and are therefore also in condition for allowance.

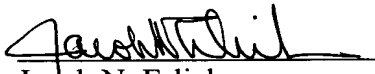
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